

EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY OF  
THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 4165, which was received from the House.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 4165) to extend through December 31, 2010, the authority of the Secretary of the Army to accept and expend funds contributed by non-Federal public entities to expedite the processing of permits.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. DURBIN. I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read three times and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate, and any statements related to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 4165) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

EXTENDING AIRPORT AND  
AIRWAY TRUST FUND AUTHORITY

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 4217, which was received from the House.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 4217) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend authorizations for the airport improvement programs, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. DURBIN. I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read three times and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate, and any statements related to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 4217) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

NO SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS  
FOR PRISONERS ACT OF 2009

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 4218, which was received from the House and is at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 4218) to amend titles II and XVI of the Social Security Act to prohibit retroactive payments to individuals during periods for which such individuals are prisoners, fugitive felons, or probation or parole violators.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I urge the Senate to pass by unanimous consent the "No Social Security Benefits for Prisoners Act of 2009," which was recently passed by the House of Representatives.

This bill would prevent retroactive Social Security and Supplemental Security Income benefit payments from being issued to individuals while they are in prison, or in violation of conditions of parole or probation, or are fleeing to avoid prosecution for a felony or a crime punishable by sentence of more than one year.

Under current law, the Social Security Act already prohibits payment of current monthly benefits to such individuals. This bill ensures this prohibition applies to retroactive benefit payments as well. The bill allows any payments that are withheld to be paid once the person is no longer in prison, or in violation of conditions of parole or probation, or are fleeing to avoid prosecution.

This bill makes a common sense reform to the Social Security Act and I urge my colleagues to support the bill.

I thank my colleagues for their support.

Mr. DURBIN. I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read three times and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate, and any statements relating to the matter be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 4218) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

ORDERS FOR FRIDAY,  
DECEMBER 11, 2009

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 10 a.m., Friday, December 11; that follow the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate proceed to a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each, with Republicans controlling the first 30 minutes and the majority controlling the next 30 minutes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

## PROGRAM

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, the majority leader came to the floor this evening and asked for permission to move to four pending amendments on the health care bill and it was not given. The Republican leader objected. We are hoping to renew that unanimous consent request tomorrow so we can wrap up the Omnibus appropriations bill and move quickly back to debate on the health care bill. I am hoping we can do that, in the interests of moving through some of the important amendments now pending.

We expect two votes tomorrow on motions to waive points of order with respect to the consolidated appropriations conference report. Those votes should require 60 affirmative votes. Senators will be notified when votes are scheduled. Senators should also be prepared for votes Saturday morning.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M.  
TOMORROW

Mr. DURBIN. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent it adjourn under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 8:04 p.m., adjourned until Friday, December 11, 2009, at 10 a.m.